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Paul survey of leaders provides 'insightful comments' *Responses prove 14th District leaders committed to action, hard work*

WASHINGTON, DC -- Earlier this year Rep. Paul sent a survey to many of the 14th District's leaders -- mayors, school administrators, county judges and sheriffs -- asking them to identify the needs in their communities. Many have already responded. "It is heartening to receive these responses," said Rep. Ron Paul said of the results of his recently completed "Community Leader's Survey." "I have always believed in the ideals of local self-government; I have been sent to Washington as a representative to our federal government, to protect the rights of our people and local governments," said Paul. "During my tenure as a US representative, I have met with numerous local officials to learn how I could be of assistance in local projects. However with a district as large as ours, it is not always possible to sit down with every community leader, that is why I wanted to undertake this survey of local leaders." Rep. Paul said he sent the survey out district-wide and has thus far received response from "a good cross-section of leaders from all four corners of the district and everywhere in between." The purpose of the survey, Paul noted, was to identify local issues in which federal assistance was allowable, practical and could be of benefit to the community. "I have learned a lot from my review of the responses regarding basic infrastructure issues like water and sewer projects, Army Corps of Engineers work, road repairs and highway off-ramps. I am committed to supporting state action where appropriate, and to bringing back the monies which our beleaguered taxpayers are made to pay into the federal treasury each year." As a member of the Committee on Education and the Workforce, Rep. Paul said he was pleased with the response from school administrators. "I have been working diligently on these important issues. Last Congress I made the case to my colleagues on the committee that the federal government continues to burden local schools with far too many onerous mandates; the responses of 14th

District educators re-enforces my position. I'm encouraged to work even harder to restore true local control to our schools." Rep. Paul said he is more convinced than ever that the 14th

District has mayors, county judges and other local leaders who govern their municipalities effectively and responsibly. "In Washington, I will continue to work for lower federal taxes, less federal intervention and more local control."